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# Down, not out

BOSTON MARATHON BOMBINGS | UNIVERSITY'S CONNECTION

## After blasts, Tyler runners vow return to Boston Marathon

Jake Waddingham  
Sports Editor

**O**n the third Monday in April every year, Bostonians open up their city to the world to celebrate Patriot's Day.

During this particular Monday, the Red Sox were wrapping up a series against Tampa Bay and hundreds of thousands of spectators began lining the streets to cheer on one of America's most famous road races, the Boston Marathon.

The day of celebration quickly turned to heartbreak when two blasts rocked the finish line area, killing three and injuring more than 180 others.

Investigators acted quickly to piece together the details of the bombings, and by Wednesday two suspects had been identified.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev and his older brother, Tamerlan, were located early



## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# Elections for SGA seats begin tomorrow

President Suarez faces challenger in re-election bid

Morgan Jones  
Managing Editor

Students can vote for 24 Student Government Association positions when polls open tomorrow for representatives for the next academic year.

Five officer positions will be on the ballot along with 19 senator positions, including three representatives from each college and two from each on-campus housing complex. Voting begins at 8 a.m. and polls will close Thursday at 5 p.m.

Eight candidates are registered for the ballot, but students can write in other candidates.

Students will receive an email in their Patriots account with a link to the ballot. Students who do not complete the voting process will receive a reminder Thursday morning.

## ONLINE

See the results at PatriotTalon.com as soon as they're tallied on Thursday.



brother, Tamerlan, were located early Friday morning in the suburb of Watertown, Mass. A massive manhunt ensued, leaving Tamerlan dead and Dzhokhar in serious condition, but stable.

While the city of Boston tries to settle back into the routine of day-to-day life, three individuals with ties to the University reflect on their Boston experience that was unlike any other.

**BOSTON »4**



**Above Left:** Harold Wilson (right) shares a laugh with a fellow runner at a memorial warm-up run at the Robert E. Lee High School track on April 17. **Above Right:** Members of the East Texas Striders pass out bibs to wear during a Boston memorial run on Saturday. **Inset:** Dr. Cathy Fieseler starts Saturday's 3-mile run to raise money for The One Fund to support Boston victims.

## THEIR STORIES

### Javi Arista

**Connection:** Former University cross country runner, current student

**Location during blasts:** Walking toward Boston Public Library near race site

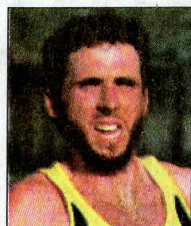


“Everyone was just running and screaming and then we heard the second explosion and I was like, ‘Oh my gosh this is not supposed to be happening.’”

### Warren Brown

**Connection:** Former University cross country runner who qualified nationally

**Location during blasts:** Beyond finish line walking toward hotel



“I had never heard a boom quite like it, but you never think bomb. My initial thought was like a bad car wreck or there was a lot of construction going on in the area.”

### Dr. Cathy Fieseler

**Connection:** Assists the University's athletic training staff

**Location during blasts:** Between mile 22 and 23



“As we were going along further, any of the runners who had cell phones started getting text messages. What I heard was that a pipe bomb had gone off.”

## »WEEK OF EVENTS

# Patriot Days draws more than 400 students

**Andy Taylor**  
Editor in Chief

The University's biggest week of the spring drew hundreds of students and more than a thousand pounds of crawfish with the return of Patriot Days.

The festivities included games, fitness events and a blood drive that supported victims of the West, Texas, fertilizer plant explosion.

“Every year, we just try to top the last year,” said Jennifer Skinner, a student development specialist who helped organize the Patriot Days events. “We want to make it bigger and better.”

Skinner said the annual crawfish boil and the University Center Celebration were the most popular attractions of the

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See more photos from Patriot Days events on pages 10 and 11.

week, drawing more than 400 students.

The crawfish boil kicked off Patriot Days on April 15, and students lined up across Harvey Deck and back toward the lakes for their share of the steaming red delicacies. Skinner said the University and on-campus food vendor Aramark purchased 1,600 pounds of crawfish for about \$3.25 per pound.

“Every year Aramark and (The Office of) Business Affairs sponsor that for us,” she said. “It's the one big thing

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**TALON »PHOTO BY VICTOR TEXCUCANO**

Celeste Tebow passes a plate of crawfish at the annual crawfish boil April 15 to kick off Patriot Days festivities.

## »RETURNING HOME

# Basketball coach Bizot resigns after record year

**Victor Texcucano**  
Managing Editor

After compiling a 79-76 record and five play-off appearances at the helm of the University men's basketball team, head coach Kenny Bizot announced his resignation last week.

Bizot is leaving the University after six seasons to take the head coach position with Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson, Miss. He will be joined by assistant coach Justin Henley, who also is leaving the University for Copiah-Lincoln.

Bizot, who is from New Orleans and played basketball at Mississippi College, said he was motivated to leave the University to be closer to his family.

“Part of it is getting back closer to home,” he said. “My wife grew up in that area, and that was part of it.”

Tyler Hysell, a junior construction management major, said the players were shocked by Bizot's decision.

“They called us in for a team meeting and brought us all in the room and told us he took a job with a junior college in Mississippi,” he said. “It was sad. Everybody was disappointed to see him go. We were just trying to put it all together. It was such a shock to all of us.”

Stephan Tarpley, a graduate student working on his MBA who played his entire collegiate career under Bizot, had nothing but good things to say about his coach.

“I love him as a person and a coach. (He's)



**KENNY BIZOT**

**BIZOT »9**

## ONLINE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

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# Bleeding hearts beat together



## FLYING BY THE SEAT OF MY PANTS

DANIELLE HABERLY

I am not a fan of April Fools Day. I tend to be oblivious of the date from day to day, so April Fools Day always sneaks up on me. This makes me a target.

My best friend, my other half, convinced me she was moving back to her homeland of Germany. For 45 minutes she led me to believe I was losing her forever. Before she eased my pain and told me it was a joke, I felt sick.

This news left me with an aching feeling in my gut that didn't go away when the joke did.

In my brain, I knew I had been fed false information, but my heart and stomach didn't get the joke.

Even later in the evening, that heart-crushing feeling popped back up out of nowhere.

A similar thing happens when you wake up from a nightmare.

I don't always remember my dreams, but the feelings I get from a nightmare stay with me past breakfast.

Sometimes I remember the nightmare vividly, like a photo gallery of real events is shuffling through my mind. Other times, I have no idea what I saw in my slumber, but nevertheless, a sickened state of mind is all I can wake up to.

This got me thinking.

Can I catch up my heart to my head, or is it always a step behind?

Maybe it's not that our brain is a step ahead. Maybe it's that our heart has the tendency to hold a grudge.

All of us have tragedies in our past. All of us have suffered unspeakable sorrow in our lives. Our brains may try to forget. Over time, the memories of these things get fuzzy.

But our hearts never forget. When my heart is sick, my stomach gets involved.

While working in the summer, I lived with a tyrant. During a three month stay, I accumulated hundreds of stories of how she made me feel

incompetent and worthless. When I got home, I suffered from mild post-traumatic stress disorder. I was encouraged by family to tell these stories, that talking about it would help me heal.

But I've noticed after months of being home, immersed back into a normal society, I began to forget my stories. The details became fuzzy over time, but my heart never forgot how she and the others on the ranch made me feel.

This makes me angry.

I feel helpless to the plight of my heart.

There are all kinds of victims out there. I believe we are all victims of something, but that shouldn't stop us. We've learned to live with a bleeding heart, but it always leaves a trail.

As we walk through life, we leave behind red droplets on the road.

It may not actually be physical damage we can see, but there is evidence of emotional damage.

We see it in our relationships.

The lack of trust we have in people, or the opposite tendency to fall gullible.

I'm not trying to categorize you all psychologically. I am merely pointing out that regard-

less of where you stand in emotional muck, you are not alone.

I brought this phenomenon to light not only to help you heal, but also to help you empathize with others.

The smog of recent tragic events hangs low, full of uncertainty. Maybe if we all see that we are together in this, we can grow closer as a community.

A support system is vital for healing.

If you feel like you're sinking, look around, grab a hand for help. You may not see these strong, helping hands right away, but they are there.

Just remember to reach out.

I promise someone will pull you out of the fire before you are lost.

On that note, if you see someone sinking, take a moment and forget about yourself. Forget about your worries or what you're stressed about.

Reach your hand out to save someone else. We all need each other.

Now is not the time for the individual. If we come together, we can achieve it all.

# Media have themselves to blame for sloppy coverage



## THE WAY I SEE IT

ANDY TAYLOR

Call me an optimist, but I still have faith in journalism.

I've seen reporters work tirelessly to get a story, and I've watched editors debate the most responsible ways to tackle sensitive subjects.

But even I must admit that faith was tested last week.

I watched in disgust as national media doctored photos, made wrongful accusations and reported unconfirmed facts that proved to be false.

We all sat in horror as the breaking news coverage of the Boston Marathon bombings shook a city on its most important day of the year. News outlets across the country scrambled to get the details as the disaster unfolded.

The most disturbing events can and should be when the media are at their best. When Walter Cronkite told viewers that President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, he was the most trusted man in America.

Journalists like Cronkite are extinct, and cable news networks killed them.

The advent of the 24-hour news cycle has created a chaotic and irresponsible news culture. Anchors forced to fill time on screen jump at the first sign of breaking news — even when the reports have not been substantiated.

This was evident Wednesday as CNN reported police had arrested two suspects in the bombing case. As it turns out, authorities had yet to even announce a name.

To be fair, the Associated Press also reported an arrest "was imminent." Their offense was perhaps even more egregious given their reputation as the de facto gatekeeper of breaking news. When the AP reports it, it's supposed to be correct.

We've seen plenty more examples of inaccurate reports being published in an effort to be first. Shortly after the West, Texas, fertilizer plant explosion, a Dallas-area broadcast network reported 60 to 70 people were killed. CNN later reported the death toll to be as many as 35. As of Sunday, 14 deaths had been confirmed.

The New York Daily News edited a photo from the Boston Marathon

held the Affordable Care Act last May as constitutional with one exception, the initial reports stated the bill was struck down.

It's unrealistic to expect the media to be right all the time, but this is just sloppy.

As journalists, we're supposed to set a higher standard than, say, social media. It's true that many users of Twitter and Reddit incorrectly reported the names of the suspects in the Boston bombings Thursday night, but the reports should not have been taken seriously in the first place. Social media is a great way to get news as it's happening, but it should always be read with a grain of salt.

Newspapers and broadcast media are supposed to be better than this.

There was a time when a news outlet's reputation was based on its accuracy. The best reporters were the ones who told the whole story without bias or dishonesty.

That paradigm has shifted to one that values expediency above all else. "Get it right" sadly has become "Get it first."

Until we reverse this trend, the national media's dwindling sense of credibility will continue to decline.

## CAMPUSVOICE

*Do you vote in SGA elections,  
why or why not?*



Yes, I plan on voting next week."

Ryan Spencer  
Junior criminal justice major



I will vote because I've been informed and Ryan Spencer told me to."

Daniel Brown  
Junior biology major



Kennedy was assassinated, he was the most trusted man in America. The tragedy became more real as the calm and collected broadcaster broke down and showed genuine emotion.

The New York Daily News edited a photo from the Boston Marathon bombings to censor a gruesome leg wound, something a responsible publication should never consider. And when the Supreme Court up-

national media's dwindling sense of credibility will continue to decline. It's best they realize this now before Twitter and Reddit become more relevant than CNN and the Associated Press.

# Reading improves vocabulary, GPA, overall life experience



## THROUGH MY OWN EYES

ANTWANISE JACKSON

When was the last time you read a book?

I know you're thinking that you read your textbooks all the time, but when was the last time you've read just for the heck of it?

For most of us, it has probably been a while.

With so many distractions, such as Facebook and reality TV, we've forgotten about the pure joy of reading a good book every now and then.

Reading can be beneficial for you.

I was working on an assignment for a class when I jokingly thought to myself, "I should have read more when I was younger."

Although I was kidding, I wondered if there could have been something more to that statement.

So I did my research, because let's face it, I'm not going to be giving up my valuable TV time to read for nothing.

As it turns out, there's some

pretty nice perks to cracking open a book.

According to Dr. Ken Pugh, Ph.D, president and director of research of Haskins Laboratories, reading improves your memory.

We all can be a little scatter brained. Sometimes our lives get hectic and we forget things. Reading a few pages may help you remember where you last put your car keys. It might even help you figure out where that homework assignment you've misplaced is.

There have been countless studies that show that reading is a great way to improve analytical thinking. I especially was thrilled about this because maybe now I finally will be able to finish a Rubik's Cube. Now, the next time a math genius wants to play Sudoku with me, I can say "Challenge accepted" with confidence.

It's also a great way to enhance your vocabulary.

I don't know about you, but I like to sound smart. I love for people to think that I know what I'm talking about even though I have no clue. Next time you get in an argument with your parents, they'll probably be so impressed with your new word skills, they'll reward you for all your hard work.

It also makes you a better writer. For journalism majors like me, this is a huge plus. You could be the next *New York Times* bestselling author.

Reading is a fantastic way to reduce stress.

I love punching things as much as the next person, but maybe a less violent approach to handle my anxiety would be better. Try reading a good fiction book next time you need to relax.

You want a higher IQ? Try reading a book. Reading increases your intelligence.

Studies show that people who read have a broader general knowledge of things than someone who doesn't. It's an excellent way to help boost your GPA.

As you can see, there's so many great things that come with reading. Who knows, thumbing through novels like "Moby Dick" or "War and Peace" can put you on a path straight to success.

You might even become an author of a great series one day. With any luck, it'll be hugely successful and spawn a multimillion dollar franchise and you won't have to worry about ever working again.

Just think about it, all this can happen because you read a book.

Junior biology major



Yes, because my voice counts."

David Thackerson  
Senior applied arts and sciences major



Yes, I know some of the people who run for office and I want to help them succeed."

Jessica Blundell  
Junior psychology major

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# Challenge accepted & surpassed



TALON PHOTO BY VICTOR TEXCUCANO

Sophomore nursing major Audrey Halicke donates a pint of blood on Thursday during the weeklong, 35-gallon challenge.

## 46 gallons donated to help West victims

Morgan Jones  
Managing Editor

University students crowded the Carter BloodCare buses last week to meet a 35-gallon challenge.

The challenge came just in time to help the people affected by the fertilizer plant explosion in West, Texas, last Wednesday.

The explosion left 14 people dead and about 200 people injured, according to the *Tyler Morning Telegraph*.

This caused an increased need of blood transfusions for the victims of the blast, said Malinda Miller, Carter BloodCare spokeswoman.

"Carter BloodCare is the blood bank that

donated for a total of 46.25 gallons. Each donation of blood can save up to three lives. This means the University's effort could help save up to 1,110 needy patients.

"There are constantly people in need. Whether it's a catastrophe like this or what happened in Boston, or like the bus that recently turned over in Garland, or a mother who delivers a child and has a lot of blood loss or a cancer patient who needs treatments," Moy said. "To have a continuous supply is (very) important. The supply is constantly moving."

One person in a single-car accident can need up to 100 pints of blood while healing, according to the American Red Cross.


are not on too many medications, especially the ones that would limit you. Most people aren't in heavy athletics that would knock them out like in high school."


Each campus goal is based on the school's enrollment and the average donating percentage for Smith and Van Zandt counties, Moy said.

About a third of the population will receive blood in their life, but only four percent will donate, Moy said.

"We wanted to find a way to make an obtainable goal, but also one that will help bring in a significant amount of blood for the community," Moy said. "The students have turned out in such an amazing way."

### Donations count

 1 donation =  
1 pint of blood

8 donations =  
1 gallon 



The goal was 35 gallons,  
which is 280 donations.

**370** students  
donated.

That means that the donations

saved  
**1,110**  
lives.

Carter BloodCare organizes blood drives to keep the blood supply suitable for the demand. During the spring and fall seasons, there usually is a



"Carter BloodCare is the blood bank that provides a lot of the blood to the Waco and Dallas areas that are taking care of the citizens of West that were injured this week," said Nyc Moy, donor recruitment consultant for Smith and Van Zandt County.

The blasts could be heard more than 45 miles from the site, according to Fox News. Since then monetary and blood donations have been coming from across Central and East Texas, including the University's blood drive, Moy said.

After meeting the 35-gallon goal on campus last week, the donations were sent to the blood bank that supplies the hospitals helping the blast victims, Moy said.

"With (each) donation, it is either going to prolong, it's going to enhance or it's going to save lives of people who are in the hospital and are in need," Moy said.

To meet the 35-gallon goal, 280 students had to give a pint of blood to the cause. But by the end of the week, 370 students

gave up to 100 pints of blood while healing, according to the American Red Cross. With more than 200 reported victims of the West incident, the need for blood transfusions is clear, Miller said.

"If something were to happen to you, you would want there to be blood there for you to receive if you needed it to save your life," Moy said. "So you should consider making sure that the blood supply is current all the time."

The campus challenge was first initiated because of the low supply during the summer months and the constant need of blood, Moy said.

Carter BloodCare already was targeting high schools, but felt like they weren't open to college campuses. This is why they started the challenges at the University, Tyler Junior College and Kilgore College for a goal to be met in a week, Moy said.

"College students are a mostly healthy demographic of students who are usually able to donate," Moy said. "(They) usually

have turned out in such an amazing way." Sophomore nursing major Audrey Halicke donated Thursday. She endured the small quarters of the bus for more than a half hour and said it was worth it. "I just wanted to help other people really," Halicke said. "They need the blood more than I do."

All donors are encouraged to replace lost fluids and eat a hearty meal after giving blood, according to Carter BloodCare post-donation instructions.

However, Halicke gave blood on an empty stomach and fainted after. Halicke was assessed by EMS responders who were called to the scene. She refused to be admitted into the hospital.

When the pint of blood is drawn out of a donor's body, they lose about 650 calories and an empty stomach can cause sickness or fainting, Moy said.

"UT Tyler's turn out was awesome," Moy said.

Carter BloodCare organizes blood drives to keep the blood supply suitable for the demand. During the spring and fall seasons, there usually is a three-day supply for those in need. However, that falls to a one-day supply during the summer and winter seasons when donations are low. This is because they lose students participating in blood drives during these months, said Nyc Moy, donor recruitment consultant for Smith and Van Zandt Counties. To help with the low supply, people are encouraged to donate at local blood drives and the donor center in their area. The closest location to campus is at 815 S. Baxter Ave. in Tyler. Call 903-535-5400 for more information.

# Students share experience of coming out in Texas

## GSA offers safe place for support, fellowship

**Misty Butler**  
Staff Writer

Life changed forever for University student Brittany Sherman when she was outed by her sister. Sherman and her girlfriend Danielle Sicotte found comfort in one another through the good and bad, Sicotte said.

In December 2009, Sherman was a high school junior in the small town of Anahuac, Texas. Coming out was not easy, having been raised in a conservative family, Sherman said.

"My sister saw me and Danielle exchange a kiss and it didn't go over well, Sherman said. "They basically shamed me in a way."

Sherman wishes she could have had a more traditional coming out conversation with her parents. Instead, her sister told her parents and it ended in a big fight, she said.

Sherman's girlfriend Sicotte had a much easier coming out experience, she said.

"My family was pretty cool with it, so I was blessed in that sense," Sicotte said.

The couple began dating as sophomores in high school in summer 2009. They met playing in a summer softball league in the Houston area, Sherman said.

"We've been through some struggles, but now that we've been dating for four years, her parents are starting to come around," Sicotte said.

Sherman and Sicotte enjoy being in Tyler and feel pretty open expressing themselves, Sicotte said.

"Tyler is easier for us to be out than my hometown of Anahuac because there are a lot of people who support us here," Sherman said.

Sicotte suggests for students who aren't out to find someone they can trust to talk to.

"Find a friend you can rely on and talk to them about it," Sicotte said. "Because it sucks holding everything in and I was blessed that I never really had to."

The Gay-Straight Alliance, a student-run organization, provides a safe place for students to meet, support each other and talk about issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity, according to the University's website.

"In East Texas, we are behind the pine tree curtain and it's not



**University students Brittany Sherman and Danielle Sicotte laugh together on Harvey Lake dock. As a lesbian couple on campus, the women have grown in their four-year relationship to overcome social adversities.**

TALON PHOTO BY VICTOR TEXCUCANO

necessarily a safe place to be out," Gay-Straight Alliance President Josh Grijalva said. "The Alliance is a safe place where any student regardless of orientation or identity can have a place to be safe and free of judgment."

Student reactions vary to the Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgendered-Questioning and/or Queer community on-campus. Some students completely support the LGBTQ community while others can't support it in any form, Grijalva said.

"It's challenging being a part of an organization where you are always having to defend your views," Grijalva said. "It helps to have so much support from University professors, faculty and students."

History lecturer Melissa Dotson said she has an open door for all of her students, regardless of sexual orientation.

"I hope that if any student has an issue that they need to talk about, then they would feel comfortable talking to me," Dotson said. "I am a strong advocate for people seeking out counseling services and finding a safe place for them to be exactly who they are."

Dotson has placed a "safe place" sticker on her office door, room 204A in the Business Building, so LGBTQ students know she supports them being who they are, she said.

"I was also pleased to see that other faculty members asked me if I had extra stickers so that they could also place them on their doors," Dotson said.

The GSA has had problems this semester with flier defacing across the University, Grijalva said.

"Right now there is a lot of problems with fliers being torn down and homophobic slurs written on them," Grijalva said. "This problem has been addressed by the administration and Student Life (and Leadership)."

It's hard for LGBTQ students to live in such a conservative area, Dotson said.

"I think it is even harder for students who are from this area or who have very conservative families," she said. "I think LGBTQ students are more concerned with the reactions they get from their families and friends."

It may be getting easier because more people are coming out and being open with who they are, Dotson said.

"One of the slogans for the support group PFLAG (parents and friends of lesbians and gays) is 'Be careful who you hate, it might be someone you love.' I think that this is a powerful statement because it hits close to home for most people," she said. "I am willing to bet that most people are related to someone who is gay or they at least know someone who is gay and it is harder to hate something or someone when you know them personally."

Sicotte shared a similar experience about coming out.

"It's definitely harder to come out to your family because you care how they think and you love them," Sicotte said.

Four years later, Sherman's family is beginning to adjust to her life as a lesbian. She hopes that in time it will continue to get better.

The GSA holds many events to support the alliance between the straight and gay University community.

Last semester, the group put together a concert to promote voter registration on campus.

The group also holds random acts of kindness week in the fall and spring, Grijalva said.

The GSA welcomes all students to weekly meetings in the Patriot Zone at 5 p.m. on Wednesday for fellowship and support.



## BOSTON

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### THE RACE

As the city of Boston was waking up to a beautiful morning to celebrate Patriot's Day, more than 27,000 runners were making their way to the suburb of Hopkinton for the 117th Boston Marathon.

While the runners made the transition from the shuttle parking lot to the starting line, Bostonians lined the streets to give last-minute encouragement.

Warren Brown, a training manager for Rogue Running in Austin, Texas, was touched by how welcoming the city and the spectators were.

"Streets are blocked off from cars and just hoards of people are walking down the street to get to the starting line," Brown said. "There were all these signs and banners and little kids with their families handing out fruit and Band-Aids, Gatorade and sports bars for free."

As Brown, 26, and a fellow Rogue runner took their spots just behind the elite field for their first Boston Marathon, Dr. Cathy Fieseler, a sports medicine specialist at Trinity Mother Frances, also was taking her place with the last wave of runners.

Three weeks prior on Palm Sunday, Fieseler completed a 50-mile race in Decatur, Texas. Even though her legs still were fatigued, Fieseler, 54, was excited to earn her 16th Boston Marathon finish.

"It was a great day for running," Fieseler said. "It's a phenomenal event; very nice weather, but I also knew we would be getting a breeze as we got closer to Boston. I was glad I had long sleeves."

More than 26.2 miles away from the runners, University senior Javi Arista, a senior business management major, had just landed in Boston to visit his sister and a few friends.

"I really didn't even know the Boston Marathon was going to be happening the day I got in," Arista said.

A former teammate on the Patriot cross country team with Brown, Arista was excited to see the race and made his way with his sister to the 25-mile marker to cheer on the marathoners.

As the runners toed the starting line, Brown said the experience was "utter happiness."

Brown's race plan was to pace his Rogue training partner Bryan Mortan to a personal-best time and a sub 2:35 marathon. The duo planned to hit just under six minutes per mile.

Almost an hour after Brown started the race, Fieseler crossed the starting line with the final wave.

"Everything was going along smoothly," Fieseler said. "I was getting tired, but I knew I would finish with no trouble."



TALON PHOTO BY JAKE WADDINGHAM

**Members of a local running group called the East Texas Striders participate in a 1-mile memorial warm-up before their track workout on April 17 at the Robert E. Lee High School track.**

To run the Boston Marathon, athletes must run a qualifying time according to their age category. So even though Fieseler started later, she was still in the company of very fit runners.

Arista said he learned Brown was racing through a friend in Tyler, so he made his way toward the 23-mile marker, but was not able to pick out Brown in the crowd.

"Then I actually went to the finish line," Arista said.

### THE EXPLOSION

Brown crossed the line in 2:37, aiding his partner Mortan to a new personal best time and just off of their goal time.

They made their way to claim their cell phones and other personal belongings at the bag drop off past the finish line.

Brown also stopped to get some post-race food, a free massage and look through some of the expos that were near the finish line for nearly two hours before making the walk back to his hotel.

Arista and his sister left the finish line to head toward the Boston Public Library around the same time Brown started his walk to his hotel.

Arista said his sister suggested they walk down the sidewalk for a while before trying to cross the street.

"Maybe 15 seconds later, the explosive went off," Arista said.

With small debris landing around them, Arista said he didn't really know what was happening. His first thought was the giant monitor that was broadcasting the race had collapsed.

"Everyone was just running and screaming, and then we heard the second explosion and I was like, 'Oh my

gosh, this is not suppose to be happening,'" Arista said.

On the course, Fieseler was between the 22- and 23-mile marker near the historic Heartbreak Hill.

Some of the runners on the course had cell phones with them, but no one had accurate information about what was happening or what the runners on the course were suppose to do.

"We just kept going forward," Fieseler said. "Finally, when you get to the Citgo sign, that's right behind the Green Monster at Fenway Park, that's 1 mile to go. There was a barricade up."

Fieseler knew the area well and was able to safely navigate her way to her hotel. She said she was not afraid, but she was anxious to talk to her niece, who is a freshman at Northeastern University.

Brown heard the explosion, but a bomb was the furthest thought from his mind. He thought it was just a bad car wreck or something falling at a construction site nearby.

"At the time, I kept hearing ambulances, police and fire trucks," Brown said. "Not necessarily heavy, but consistent."

When Brown entered the elevator in the hotel, a man was trying to console a woman who was crying.

The man asked if he knew what happened and Brown said no. The man then explained two explosions went off at the finish line and the woman's husband was expected to be near the finish line and she could not reach him.

"That's when it really sunk in what happened," Brown said. "I was just in shock beyond belief. It was surreal, just like a bad dream."

Arista and his sister were directed by Boston police to move to the Bos-

ton Commons almost a mile away.

"A lot of people were walking fast to get away," Arista said. "It just felt like chaos."

They spent about 30 minutes in the Boston Commons. Arista said friends and family were sending him text updates to let him know what was happening.

"I felt like more people outside of Boston within the first hour actually knew what was going on more than the people of Boston," Arista said.

For the remainder of the evening, Brown, Fieseler and Arista stayed inside their hotels watching the news and contacting friends and family when cell phone service was available.

"They told us to make sure we had our key card, they were only letting us use one door with security," Brown said. "As we walked along the Boston Commons, there were bomb squads checking trash cans and scouring the park looking for other devices I guess."

Arista said the news eventually was too hard to watch as he reflected on being at the finish line just minutes before.

"I just turned it off for the night," he said.

### RETURNING HOME

Fieseler and Brown had a quick turnaround, planning to catch planes back to Texas the next day.

Brown was up at 3:30 a.m. and on the plane by 6 a.m., but was stranded on the runway for two hours due to mechanical trouble.

"It was just sickening being in Boston," Brown said. "I wanted to get out of there. I hated every second of it since the moment it happened."

Brown said it was hard to recall the elation he felt Monday morning. The shift in emotion from joy to pain was unlike anything he had experienced before.

Fieseler had scheduled a van to pick her up and give her a ride to the airport. She was worried the blocked off streets would hinder the driver's ability to pick her up.

Not only was the driver on time, but he had a cup of tea waiting for her. Along the way, they picked up other runners trying to make their way to the airport since taxis were not running.

"The acts of kindness were amazing," Fieseler said. "I know runners who were pulled off the course and people just took them into their homes until they knew there wasn't another bomb."

Fieseler said she was grateful to be home and get back to some sense of normalcy.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Arista tried to visit with his family and his friends, but the historic spots they wanted to visit were locked down.

"I had visited Boston a couple of times beforehand. Everyone is always

walking, riding bikes, taking the trains and out in the gardens," Arista said. "Going from that to Tuesday, it was complete silence."

In Tyler, Fieseler and the East Texas Striders held a memorial mile jog on Wednesday evening before the group's scheduled workout.

Members wore blue and yellow to honor the tragedy in Boston and raise awareness for their 3-mile run on Saturday morning to help raise money for The One Fund.

The foundation is helping raise money for the medical expenses of the victims in the bombing.

"(They're) very fortunate this happened by the medical tent," Fieseler said. "People lived that probably wouldn't have in any other circumstance because of the amount of bleeding that was going on."

### PLANS TO RACE AGAIN

Arista, who has completed several half marathons, but never a full, said the experience motivated him to try to qualify for a future Boston Marathon.

"Before anything happened, it really made me like, 'Oh I want to run this,'" Arista said. "Being in the crowd and cheering for people I didn't even know really made me want to do one."

Brown still was discouraged about the situation until a friend's Facebook post put the occurrence in a new perspective.

"If their goal is to destroy their spirit, the worst group to go after is marathoners. When I saw someone post that I was like, 'Man, that is great,'" Brown said. "Just seeing that (post) made me say I want to do this again."

Brown said he wants to help keep Boston a legendary event. He said by not celebrating the event, the people responsible gain satisfaction, a gratification Brown does not want to happen.

"I want to go back and race it for myself and in honor of everyone there," Brown said.

Fieseler had no hesitation of wanting to return next year. As the new president of the American Medical Athletic Association, the group's main meeting is scheduled around the marathon.

"Boston is an experience," Fieseler said. "We can't back down, we can't hide in a corner. (Sept. 11) was the airports and flights being affected. This is your street corner and if you back down, they have won."

She also is trying to figure out what major race to sign up for during the summer. Fieseler typically runs an ultra marathon of 100 miles every year.

To donate to The One Fund, visit theonefundboston.org to aid those most affected in the bombings. The Boston Athletic Association also is selling tribute T-shirts on their website to raise money.



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## SGA boosts funding for organizations

**Terry Britt**  
News Editor

A 33 percent increase in the funding allocation for student organizations will help the University's Student Government Association give a little financial assistance to more of those organizations.

SGA Treasurer Amber Amerson said the Student Government Appropriations Committee saw a big increase in the number of funding requests for the 2013-2014 school year. Amerson is the chairwoman of that committee.

Amerson said the committee "discussed potential options for meeting that need." A solution came in the form of an increase from \$3,750 to \$5,000 for the committee to disburse.

"The committee determined to present a motion in SGA General Assembly requesting that more funds be allocated to

the SGAC to meet the increased need," she said. Specific organization funding requests and amounts approved were not available as of press time, but Amerson confirmed the \$5,000 total of the funding allocation.

She explained the SGAC is formed each year to help student organizations cover the costs of their respective activities.

"The SGAC is charged with enhancing the quality of the student life, benefiting the student body, and/or bettering The University of Texas at Tyler, by financially subsidizing activities, events and projects sponsored by registered student organizations," Amerson said.

The SGAC is allotted an amount of funds each year, she explained, and fully registered student organizations can submit funding requests.

Some student organizations at the University do not receive funds from the

SGAC. In some instances, those organizations do not request funds.

Brian Hays, president of Sigma Alpha Pi/National Society of Leadership and Success, said his organization "has actually never received or accepted funding from SGA."

"We have been fortunate enough to have raised money through fundraisers and other society activities or events," Hays said.

He added, however, that SGAC funding could be of great benefit to student organizations that are "very active in bringing national recognition to the school through partnerships and conventions."

Essentially, the choice to request funds from the SGAC is up to the organization and its members. As Hays noted, "Our executive board discussed requesting money but decided it would be better to allow the other societies to receive it because we were OK at the moment financially."

"I've got a heart for the people," Fleming said. "I like to be an attentive listener and I like serving people as well. I figured as senator I could do just that and I feel as president I can expand that role."

Other names on the ballot include Warner for vice president, Halima Farooq for College of Arts and Sciences senator, Clara Goebel for parliamentarian and Jamie Newborn for College of Education and Psychology senator.

Of the 25 representatives currently serving, parliamentarian Rene Hernandez has served the longest. He was first elected in 2006 as University Pines senator and in 2007 was elected as secretary. He became parliamentarian the next year.

During his six years with SGA, Hernandez has learned the workings of the student government and seen changes throughout the years.

"The biggest change I have really seen is the willingness of our senators to really go out there and find what people are looking for," Hernandez said. "I feel like people are finally starting to have an idea of who we are and what we do and because of that we are attracting people who

are really interested in our work."

The total student enrollment is 6,875 students, according to the University's website. Hernandez said it is a challenge for the student representatives to reach all of the students.

"SGA makes a lot of very important decisions for our campus and the best way to make sure that your voice is heard is through the voting process," Hernandez said.

In the 2012 spring SGA election, 440 students voted, which is 6.4 percent of the total student population, according to the Qualtrics Survey Software used by SGA for the elections.

The SGA ballot includes a comment section for students to voice their concerns to their governing body, Hernandez said.

"Really, at the end of the day, SGA is about the senator, the officers, our elected officials trying to find and solve whatever problems it is that our students are having," Hernandez said. "At the end of the day, that's what we really are, is trying to locate those things and solve them to the best of our abilities."

to a tradition that we can keep going," he said.

As Skinner and other campus event planners look ahead, she said they hope more students will take advantage of the activities being offered.

"Hopefully, every time we do different events on campus, whether it be doing Patriot Days or homecoming or Patriot Palooza ... hopefully with each of those they're seeing something new and different and we're reaching a different audience," she said. "I hope with each of those different events, it encourages them to start attending campus-wide festivals that we do each year. Because that's just a part of your campus life experience and that's what we want to contribute to."

than in previous years.

The next day featured a salute to service members, as the Veterans Affairs office reminded students of the resources available those who have served in the armed forces.

"We're here to support our service members that we have on campus, as well as let people know that we actually have a veterans resource center that's there to help out," said Chase Ragland, adviser for Sigma Alpha Pi, an honor society that supported the veteran's appreciation events.

Ragland said he was pleased with the turnout for the event to honor veterans, and the fact they ran out of food to serve attendees was a sign of success.

"(It was) something we've never done before, so I think it was a great kick-off

## POLICE REPORTS

The Patriot Talon collected the following information from public reports released by the University Police Department and the Tyler Police Department. All police reports obtained by the Talon are public records as defined under Texas Open Records law.

**APRIL 12**

### Student Taken to Hospital

A student in Ornelas Hall experiencing chest pains was taken to the hospital by EMS.

report of alcohol seen in one of the apartments. Alcohol was found and a citation was issued to a white male for minor in possession of alcohol.

**APRIL 11**

### Accident: Motor Vehicle

A University student reported a motor-vehicle accident in Parking Lot 7. A crash report was issued to both people involved.

**APRIL 8**

### Suicidal Threats

A University engineering student voiced suicidal threats several times during the course of 3 to 4 weeks to a female student.

**APRIL 9**

### Minor in Possession of Alcohol

University police were dispatched to University Pines Apartments to a

**APRIL 8**

### Burglary of a Vehicle (Misdemeanor)

In Parking Lot 14, a white female was charged with burglary of a vehicle.

## LOST AND FOUND

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100000001092	2/25/13	Tennis racquet

## SGA

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There also will be a polling location in the University Center.

Results will be posted on the SGA office door in the Student Life and Leadership office by noon on Friday.

Candidates for SGA president include incumbent Michael Suarez and Kyle "Alex" Fleming. Both candidates have been campaigning on campus and online.

Suarez became SGA president last spring with 255 votes alongside Vice President Ryann Warner, who received 66 write-in votes.

"I hope to continue serving the student body," Suarez said. "I hope to continue making this our campus, not just a campus we attend. I hope to establish more student traditions. I want to give the power back to the students."

Fleming, a junior human resources major, served as senator of the College of Business and Technology this year.

## EVENTS

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they do for the students a year, which I think is a really great thing because the students look forward to it. It's kind of become an annual tradition to kick off the week."

Another highlight of the week was the University Center Celebration on April 17, which included a caricature artist, juggler and a booth that allowed students to make their own rings. A health and fitness expo on the third floor of the UC helped increase student turnout, Skinner said, and Aramark's Food Show had more vendors





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#### When I Rise

April 26-27 @ 7:30 p.m.  
May 3-4 @ 7:30 p.m.

### MOVIE RELEASES

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#### Pain and Gain

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#### Michael Buble

Today  
"To Be Loved"

#### Snoop Lion

Today  
"Reincarnated"

#### Kenny Chesney

April 30  
"Life on a Rock"

# Local artist hammers red-hot art

Lauren Barnes  
A&E Editor

Blacksmithing used to be a vital part of everyday life. However, when the Industrial Revolution came, the skill was replaced with factory machinery.

Sam Fontenot, local blacksmith, is one of few artists left practicing this rare art.

Fontenot began blacksmithing when working with his hands just wasn't enough.

"I got started in blacksmithing a few years ago," Fontenot said. "I started in jewelry making and progressively worked up in metal size to where I wanted to heat metal, so I built my own forge and began doing it that way."

When blacksmithing was a prominent job, the craft was passed on from master blacksmiths to boy apprentices, who began when they were about six or seven years old. However, Fontenot did not learn under a master blacksmith. He said he is self-taught from video tutorials online.

However, he said master blacksmiths influence his work. He said he particularly looks up to Brian Brazeal, Jeff and Alan Lee and Mark Aspery.

He has created some of his own tools such as chisels and tongs because he said it is easier to custom make them for the particular project he is working on. Along with the customized tools, he has some pieces that are more than 100 years old. He said he believes there is something almost spiritual to using antique tools.

"The main reason I love to use vintage tools is the spirit that they carry from all the previous smiths that used them before," Fontenot said.

As he has grown into blacksmithing, he said he has developed a theme of organic, industrial art.

"I try to use natural elements, like wood and stone, to accent the steel's industrial feel," Fontenot said. "I think it parallels our current society, with our throwaway lifestyles becoming as much a part of the landscape as a tree or mountain."

Fontenot said his favorite piece of art was the first steel bowl he created.

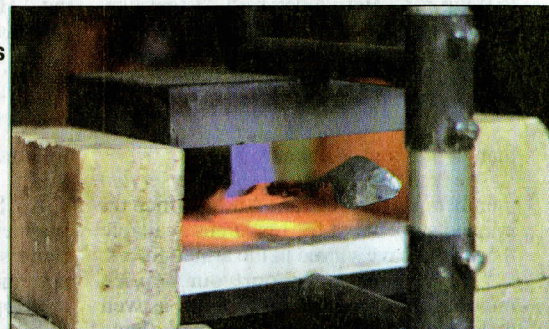
## ONLINE

To view a video documentary of Sam Fontenot, go to [www.patriottalon.com](http://www.patriottalon.com)



**Top:** Sam Fontenot, blacksmith artist, makes a leaf bottle opener.

**Right:** Fontenot said he uses a propane forge instead of coal because it's more modern.



TALON PHOTOS BY  
VICTOR TEXCUCANO

He is a member of Balcones Forge Club, which meets once a month.

Before their meetings, they're all assigned the same piece to bring and discuss.

At the first meeting he attended, that item was a bowl. Fontenot said he was nervous and did not think his piece would compare next to the others.

However, he won third place with his steel bowl.

"It gave me the support I needed to do non-traditional work," Fontenot said.

With this support and his theme, he transitioned into making more functional art.

"I found I like to make functional art more than anything else. The idea that a piece of art has to hang on a wall or sit on a shelf and just be looked at is so limiting," Fontenot said. "To me, a piece of art that you can not only look at but use daily in your life gives it a whole new level of soul."

Fontenot said he eventually wants to open a blacksmith shop. He has visions of a heritage shop that sells work, as well as bringing in live demonstrations from esteemed blacksmith artists.

While he has focused on blacksmithing in recent years, Fontenot got started as an artist when he was eight.

Fontenot's uncle was a painter and a traveling priest. He said his uncle would do large, religious icon paintings. When he was finished, he would leave his leftover oil paints.

To a young boy, seeing a huge white canvas be transformed into a beautiful art piece is magical, he said.

Fontenot attended some art classes at Tyler Junior College, but considers himself "an art school dropout."

He said he then started the process of being a tattoo artist. He began taking his portfolio to local shops and eventually landed a one-year, work-for-free apprenticeship.

While he was starting his tattoo career, he still was painting to supplement his income.

On top of painting and tattooing, he began pyrography, which he said was just a fancy word for wood burning.

He said it was easy to transition into pyrography because like tattooing, it's all about the pressure and speed.

There also is a theme in his canvas and pyrographic pieces.

He said he is heavily influenced by Day of the Dead and South American culture.

After making a name for himself as a tattoo artist, painter and pyrographic artist, he transitioned into blacksmithing.

"I am a working artist, I don't do anything else," Fontenot said. "When I get up in the morning I come to my shop and make art pieces, sculptural, furniture, whatever it is that day."



# Woman's rebellious spirit highlighted in documentary

Lauren Barnes  
A&E Editor

Barbara Smith Conrad grew up as a black child in segregated East Texas. She did not seek to vote, nor make a stand by sitting in the front of the bus. She only wanted to sing.

However, in 1957 when she was cast opposite a white male student in a University of Texas at Austin opera production, it was just as controversial. She quickly was thrown into the drama of a larger struggle for civil rights.

Segregationists in the Texas Legislature objected to Conrad's casting and threatened to withhold state financing from the university. This resulted in university officials pulling her from the production and replacing her with a white student. The controversy quickly made headlines.

Harry Belafonte heard of Conrad's situation and stepped in, promising to pay for her music education anywhere in the world if she chose to leave Texas. However, she chose to stay.

Conrad's story has been transformed into the documentary "When I Rise."

The documentary will be screened Friday, Saturday and May 3 and 4 at Theatre 20 @ Potter Place. Theatre 20 is the intimate home theater to the Actors' Preparatory Exchange.

The film is part of the Austin Film Society's Texas Film Makers Network, of which APEX now is a member, said Chris Abraham, APEX executive producer.

The network's sole job is to get Texas films screened by Texas audiences. "When I Rise" is the first film they are screening.

The documentary not only is an opportunity to support independent Texas films, but also an opportunity to broaden one's perspective on civil rights.



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**Barbara Smith Conrad grew up in segregated East Texas and had one passion: to be an opera singer. "When I Rise" is her story of triumph over racial discrimination.**

"This documentary covers the life of an East Texan, her struggles, triumphs and ultimate path to forgiveness of ignorance," Abraham said. "It's all about taking a benchmark event in life and using it to propel you towards the life you dream about."

The screenings also lend themselves the opportunity to meet the production staff of the film.

Dan Carleton, executive producer, will be in attendance Fri-

day and Saturday. Brenda Gunn, associate director for research and collections at the University of Texas' Briscoe Center for American History, who also is from Tyler, will be at the screenings next weekend. Carleton and Gunn will be available for a question-and-answer session after the screenings, Abraham said.

The film starts at 7:30 p.m. and tickets can be purchased at [www.apextheatre20.com](http://www.apextheatre20.com).

# Meyer's work returns to silver screen in new saga

MOVIE REVIEW  
SAMANTHA COPUS

The "Twilight" saga may have ended, but Stephanie Meyer's creativity will continue to light up the box office with her new series, "The Host".

The epic love story between Edward and Bella has become well known worldwide. Now, Meyer has brought viewers a new love story between Melanie (Saoirse Ronan) and Jared (Max Irons).

However, the story between the young lovers is not simple; their love is interrupted. Extraterrestrial psychic parasites take over the human race by planting themselves in the minds of everyone on earth. They are known as Souls.

Shockingly, the invaders are not as evil as they may seem. Their mission is to take control of Earth in order to preserve its beauty. They feel that the human race has not cared for the environment well enough. The parasites view humans as the violent ones.

The extraterrestrial beings cannot commit any actions deemed wrong, such as lying or stealing. In their minds, taking over people's bodies is doing humanity a favor.

Attempting to protect her little brother and significant other, Melanie uses herself to distract the invaders from taking them. The parasites capture Melanie and place a Soul named Wanderer into her brain. Wanderer's job is to search Melanie's mind and discover where a group known as "the resistance" is hiding. The Soul soon discovers that Melanie is stronger than most and is fighting Wanderer for control of her own body.

Unsure of the new emotions the Soul is experiencing inside Melanie, she decides to follow where the demanding thoughts bid her to go. Wanderer soon learns that on Earth, people commit crimes, but also are capable of love.

Love is something she never knew before on any other planet. Wanderer retrieves the memories in Melanie's mind of the love she shares with Jared.

Melanie and Wanderer battle within while trying to avoid the other Souls who want to steal the memories hiding inside their mind. The resistance also becomes a problem when they discover that Melanie's body is no longer hers.

Can Wanderer and the resistance come together to defeat the other Souls? Will Melanie ever regain control of herself? The battle for earth and self-control are faced by all. Only the strongest of heart and will can survive the fight.

Though the two sequels to "The Host" have not been written yet,



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fans can expect Meyer to produce them soon enough. The movie featured many newer faces on screen, with some familiar ones. Diane Kruger, previously known for her role in "National Treasure," portrays the evil Seeker Soul. She is determined to capture Melanie's body and possess it to ensure world domination.

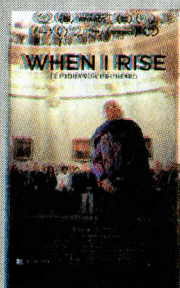
The newbies to the big screen, Irons and Ronan, performed well. Fans of the book will be pleased with their portrayal of the main characters. Ronan brought the character Melanie to life fantastically. Her acting made audiences feel as if she really was experiencing an internal struggle with two minds battling one another.

Instead of a love triangle, the storyline involves more of a love square. The twist of conflicting love interests was very different from any love story before it.

Audiences seeking more of an action film should expect to see little of this in "The Host." This story contains more emotional appeal than anything else. If people are looking for a love-conquers-all movie, mixed with learning to live in harmony with others, then this is definitely the right choice.

This film was very different from many extraterrestrial stories before it. Most of the time, the invaders seek to harm, while these creatures have good intentions, though their idea of a good deed is approached in the wrong way. Many funny moments arise when Melanie's seemingly schizophrenic body fights herself to make decisions.

Love takes place in all forms, and proves stronger than any force attempting to tear it apart. "The Host" was another brilliant story brought to life by Meyer. The novelist's fans will love every moment of Melanie's enlightening journey.



## "When I Rise" Screening

**When:** April 26-27, May 3-4 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** 719 W. Front Street Suite 20

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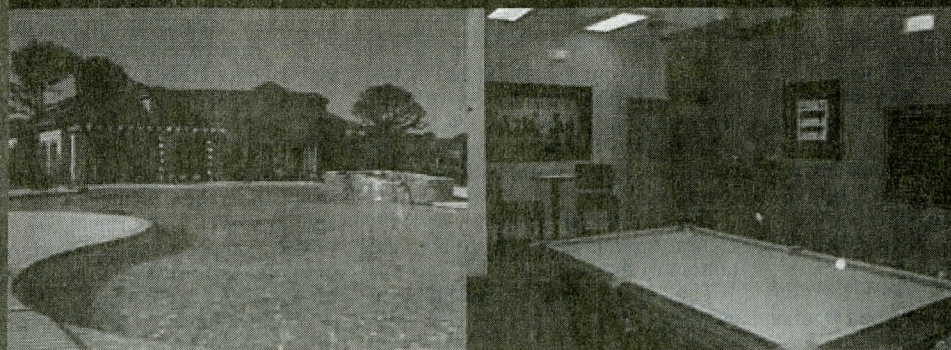
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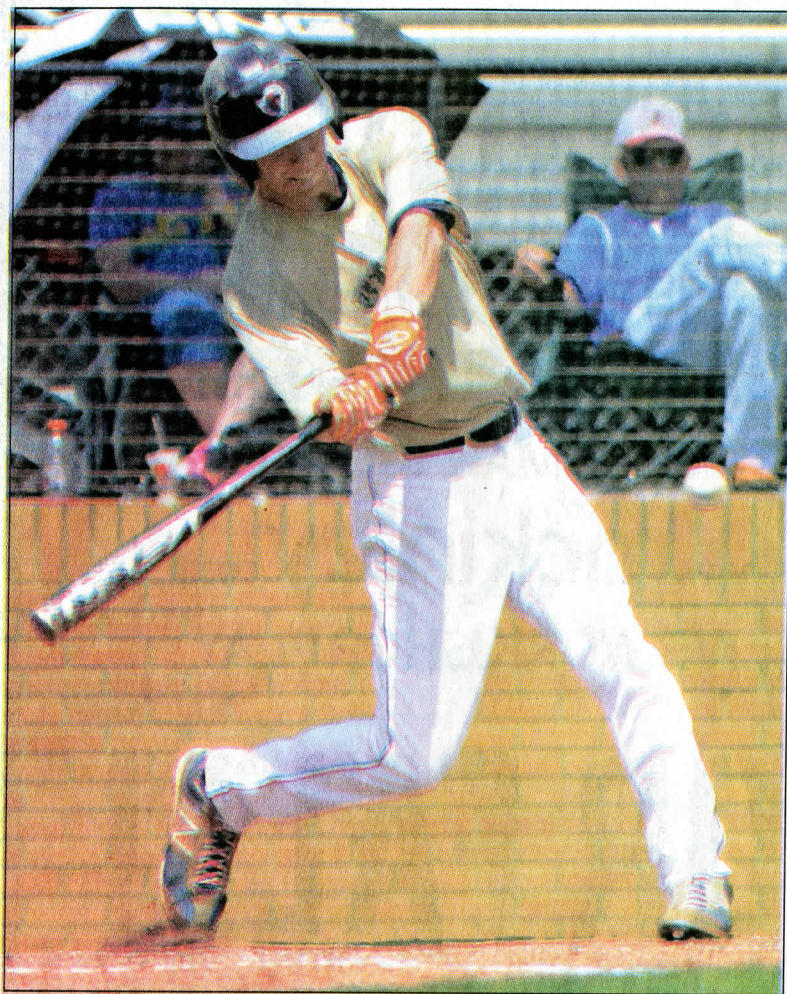
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From left to right, T.J. Martin, Jessica Blundell, Lauren Robenalt and Ryan Ybarra take cuts in their respective sports.

# HEAVY HITTERS

## Spring sports prepare for postseason tournaments

**Bryan Savens & Jake Waddingham**  
Staff Writer & Sports Editor

The University's baseball team hired new head coach Chris Bertrand this offseason, looking to continue the winning ways of the program.

Bertrand and the Patriot men have exceeded expectations and are currently ranked No. 12 in the nation.

During their final series of the regular season against Louisiana College, Kevan House hit a solo home-run in the second inning to put the Patriots up, 1-0.

Taking advantage of Wildcat errors, the University's lead grew to 5-0.

The Wildcats would not go away quietly, clawing their way back to force extra innings.

Senior Issac Tijerina doubled in House in the 11th to pull ahead 8-6. Louisiana College would manage one more run in the bottom of the inning, falling 8-7.

With Friday's victory over Louisiana College, the baseball team locked their eighth division title in the past 10 years.

The Patriots dropped the final two

remaining games of the regular season, 7-6, 7-4.

The University will host the first round of the ASC tournament at Irwin Field beginning April 26.

If the Patriots manage to win the series, the University also will host the championship round of the tournament, May 3-5.

### SOFTBALL

Ending the regular season with an 18-game win streak, the No. 2 Patriots enter the ASC tournament with a 38-2 overall record and a 23-1 conference record.

During Friday's doubleheader, the Patriots defeated Louisiana College 4-0, 15-0.

In the first game, Joey Cronin blasted a double, setting an ASC record for most doubles in a single season with 23.

Senior Heather Abshire drove Cronin in with a sacrifice fly to take the lead.

Ashley Endsley also drove in Raven Rodriguez to go up 2-0 over the Wildcats.

The Patriots added two insurance runs in the sixth, highlighted with

## 2013 ASC Postseason Schedule

### SOFTBALL

Thursday, April 25  
@Farmers Branch, Texas, 10 a.m.

**UT Tyler vs. Concordia**

Game 2 @1 p.m.  
Texas Lutheran vs. Concordia

### BASEBALL

Friday, April 26  
@Home, 6 p.m.

**UT Tyler vs. Hardin-Simmons**

April 27 @Home, 2 p.m. & 5 p.m.  
**UT Tyler vs. Hardin-Simmons**

### TENNIS

Saturday, April 27  
@Seguin, Texas, 2 p.m.

**UT Tyler Men vs. UMHB/MC winner**

April 26 @Seguin, Texas, 10 a.m.  
**UT Tyler Women vs. UMHB**

Vanessa Carrizales' RBI double.

Abshire earned the complete game shutout from the circle, striking out three.

In game two, Cronin blasted a two run home run to spark a 15-hit, 15-run victory over the Wildcats.

Endsley picked up three RBIs with three hits.

During senior day at UT Tyler Ballpark, the Patriots crushed Ozarks in the first game, 22-1.

"I enjoy playing with these girls because we know this is our last run with softball and we know what we

want to accomplish at the end of the season," Endsley said. "I love each and every one of them as a sister."

The Patriots used nine hits to score nine runs in the bottom of the first inning.

The University followed up with eight more hits and eight runs in the bottom of the second.

The Patriots took the second game as well, 4-0

### TENNIS

The men started Friday morning with a victory over LeTourneau, 7-2.

Daniel Brown, Ryan Spencer, Kevin Singer, Edward Timponi and Drew Reid picked up wins in singles action.

Spencer and Singer also won in doubles action, 8-2.

On the same day, the No. 11 Patriots traveled back to Tyler to take on East Texas Baptist University for their last match of the regular season.

The Patriots swept the Tigers 9-0.

Doug Kierstead, Daniel Budd, Jack Puckey, Rob Hodous, Jacob Van der Schans and Matt Vecchione picked up wins in singles action.

The women also earned an ASC victory over ETBU, 7-2.

At No. 3 doubles, Emily Evans and Nicole Musgni won in straight sets.

Saturday in Longview, the women wrapped up their regular season with a victory over LeTourneau, 7-2.

The men and women travel to Seguin, Texas for the ASC tournament on April 27.

"We just have to take it one match at a time and go after every ball," Spencer said.

The men and women have won the last five ASC titles.





Junior Nick Huff (left) splashes through the final water jump of the 3000-meter steeplechase at Texas A&M Commerce on May 11. Huff finished first for the Patriots in 9:58.40.

TALON PHOTO BY JASON HAMILTON

# Patriots in stride for a run at first conference championship

## Staff Reports

It has been a week of fine tuning for the University's track and field program as it prepares for the American Southwest Conference meet in Abilene, Texas.

Runners, throwers and jumpers with nagging injuries have made multiple trips to the athletic trainers this week to improve their chances of performing at their best.

"The main theme these last two weeks has been taking care of injuries," assistant coach Emily Krizmanic said. "We are really working hard on getting them healthy."

Last season, the Patriot men led in the team standings after the first day thanks to a strong performance in the distance events and jumps.

On the second day, top-ranked McMurry University surged back to claim the ASC title.

The Warhawks went on the win the Division III outdoor national championship.

This year, McMurry is competing

in Div. II, leaving the ASC open for a new school to claim the top honor.

"Concordia has a lot deeper team than they have had in the past," Krizmanic said. "I think the girls can surprise (the ASC) with how well we have improved in a year."

The strength of the men's team is centered around the throwers.

Buck Thompson is favored in the discus and shot put. He also will be competitive in the hammer throw.

Senior Ed Palencia is the favorite in the javelin.

Teammate Travis Crafton recently set a new personal best in the javelin and hopes to complement Palencia with a strong performance.

On the track, head coach Bob Hepler has loaded the events in an effort to score as many points as possible.

At the ASC meet, athletes are allowed to compete in as many events as they wish.

But if an athlete scratches from an event, he or she forfeits their spot in all of his or her following races.

A maximum of six athletes from

one team are allowed to enter one event.

Nick Huff has the top time in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

Alex Wilson recently set a personal best time in the 5,000-meter run. He will also be running the 10,000-meter run at conference.

Ford Noack will double up in the 1500-meter run and 800-meter run before coming back to anchor the final leg of the 4x400 meter relay.

For the women, the 4x100 meter relay of Chelsey Grigsby, Nicole Caputo, Amy Jo Teague and Kealey Gaffney has improved steadily all season.

Newcomer Brittany Brunson recently broke five minutes in the 1500 to become the second fastest girl in school history in that event.

She also will compete in the 800.

Senior Baylee Talaska will represent the squad in the distance events on the track.

The meet begins Friday with prelims and two distance races. All other finals are scheduled for Saturday.

# Golf teams place second in ASC tournament match

Jake Waddingham  
Sports Editor

The men's and women's golf teams finished in the top 15 of the Golf World-WGCA Coaches Poll to end the regular season, but may not be selected to play in the national tournament.

The only automatic way to qualify for the national tournament is to win the conference tournament.

Now the Patriots will wait for the selection committee to determine if the men and women are worthy of an at-large bid.

The largest factor will be how many teams ranked in front of the Patriots received automatic bids.

## WOMEN

The Patriots shocked the nation at the close of the first day, leading the No. 2 team in the nation, Mary Hardin-Baylor, by two strokes at Crown Colony Country Club in Lufkin, Texas.

Jordan Sloane came out firing in the first round, scoring the second-best score of the day, an 81.

Freshman Laura Lindsey was a stroke behind in third place.

"I was really happy for Jordan playing well the first day, and I just wanted to play strong the second day to see where I ended up," Lindsey said.

Marina Rhodes also had a top-10 finish the first day with an 87.

UMHB quickly pulled away the second day, but the Patriots were able to hold off Schriener University for second.

Lindsey was the top individual for the squad in fifth, shooting a combined score of 166.

Sloane's 168 put her in seventh for the tournament and Katie Crawford had a strong second day to break

into the top 10.

"Getting second at conference was a great ending to our season and really a goal we had been working toward all semester," Lindsey said. "We have definitely become a stronger team since January."

This makes back-to-back seasons the Patriots finished second at the ASC championship.

Their only conference title came in 2009.

The Patriots' strong performances at the past three tournaments were rewarded by a big jump in the polls to No. 11.

"Coming out of the conference tournament, I think we are all just looking to keep improving our ball striking and short game," Lindsey said.

## MEN

After the first two rounds of competition, Trent Boudin helped the Patriots rally to a second-place finish.

Trailing Schriener and Texas-Dallas after the first round, the Patriots surpassed UTD in the second round.

Seniors John Dukes and Joey Rippel ended the first day in 13th and 15th place, respectively.

On the final day, Schriener's lead was too large for the Patriots to mount a comeback.

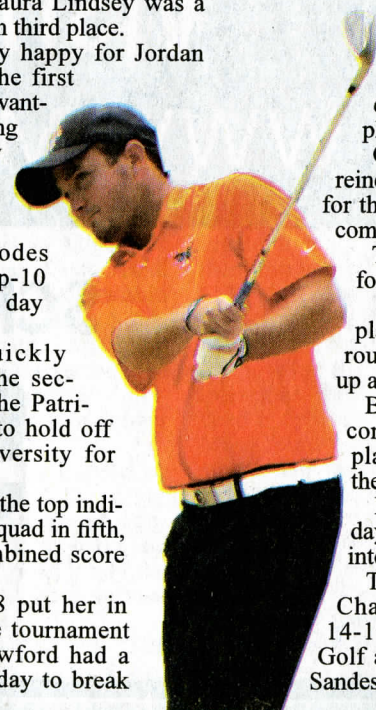
The men combined for a final score of 943.

Boudin's consistent play from the first two rounds helped him lock up a tie for fifth.

Buddy Hallman's combined score of 233 placed him seventh in the field.

Rippel had a strong day, firing a 77 to break into the top 10.

The 2013 NCAA Golf Championship is May 14-17 at the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Sandestin, Fla.





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April 6 @Home	
<b>UT Tyler</b>	3, 8
Centenary (La.)	6, 5
April 9 @Home	
<b>UT Tyler</b>	8
Dallas Christian	2
April 12 @Home	
<b>UT Tyler</b>	4
LeTourneau	3
April 13 @Home	
<b>UT Tyler</b>	1, 2
LeTourneau	0, 1
April 19 @Pineville, La.	
<b>UT Tyler</b>	8
Louisiana Coll.	7
April 20 @Pineville, La.	
<b>UT Tyler</b>	6, 4
Louisiana Coll.	7, 7

### SOFTBALL

April 7 @Home	
<b>UT Tyler</b>	4, 4
Louisiana Coll.	1, 0
April 9 @Pineville, La.	
<b>UT Tyler</b>	7, 5
Louisiana Coll.	1, 3
April 13 @Home	
<b>UT Tyler</b>	4, 3
ETBU	2, 2
April 15 @Longview, Texas	
<b>UT Tyler</b>	8, 3
LeTourneau	1, 0
April 19 @Home	
<b>UT Tyler</b>	4, 15
Ozarks	0, 0
April 20 @Home	
<b>UT Tyler</b>	22, 4
Ozarks	1, 0

### TENNIS

April 19-20 @Home	
<b>UT Tyler Men</b>	7
LeTourneau	2
<b>UT Tyler Men</b>	9
ETBU	0
<b>UT Tyler Women</b>	9
LeTourneau	0
<b>UT Tyler Women</b>	7
ETBU	2

## »PATRIOT PROFILE: BRITTANY BATTEN, SOFTBALL

# Batten bounces back from injuries for senior year



*Patriot Profile* will feature a different outstanding Patriot each issue, chosen by the Patriot Talon sports staff.

**Athlete:** Brittany Batten  
**Age:** 22  
**Major:** Kinesiology  
**Hometown:** Huntington, Texas

After recovering from a shoulder injury and broken ankle her sophomore and junior seasons, starting catcher Brittany Batten leads the No. 2 Patriots with seven home runs and has a slugging percentage of .673.

**Q: How did you get injured your sophomore season?** I dove to try to tag a girl and my shoulder came out of socket and cracked the ball of my ball-and-socket joint. I came back and was able to hit in the World Series.

**Q: When did your second injury happen?** The first month of practice at home plate I broke my ankle. I was just running home and I guess my cleat stuck.

**Q: What has going through rehab for the two injuries taught you?** You really can't take a day of practice or a game for granted. Every day I have to go out and give everything I can and not hold anything back because I don't know when my last time is going to be.

**Q: Who helped motivate you to get healthy and continue playing?** My grandpa was an athlete. He was a big part of wanting to come back after injuries. And now with my sister (Kelsie Batten) being here, it makes me want to work harder so I can play with her.

*If you would like to nominate a Patriot athlete for the final issue, email the sports editor at [sports@patriottalon.com](mailto:sports@patriottalon.com).*

# Stephens selected to represent University, USA in five-game European basketball tour



**Jake Waddingham**  
Sports Editor

Junior transfer Joe Stephens is no stranger to having a different team name on the front of his jersey.

In his college career, Stephens has suited up for five different universities.

While Stephens said the University will be the last college he plays for, he will represent Team USA this summer on a travel squad.

The United States Collegiate Athletic Association partners with smaller Division I, Div. II and Div. III universities to help athletes earn exposure on a national and global scale.

"I had a friend on my team last year that played in it," Stephens said. "He said it was an unbelievable opportunity and experience. I talked to him about it and he highly recommended it."

Stephens began basketball at an early age. His parents encouraged him to go out for a variety of sports including football, soccer and basketball to see what he enjoyed the most.

"My whole family is all about sports," Stephens said. "Almost all of them have played college football. I picked basketball at an early age and stuck with it."

Stephens, a business management major, averaged 10.2 points per game for the Patriots.

The University had a record-setting season, finishing with an overall record of 18-8 and 13-6 in the American Southwest Conference.



**JOE STEPHENS**

After an 11-1 start, the University's basketball team finished second in the ASC East Division.

The Patriots ended their historic season in a triple-overtime thriller against Hardin-Simmons University, 104-101.

Stephens lead the team in 3-point field goals made with 48, shooting 42-percent from behind the arc for the season.

He started all 26 games for the Patriots.

Team USA and Stephens leave on May 26 for a five-game tour through Europe to compete against professional teams.

Stops include England, Amsterdam and Paris.

"Right now, I am not thinking about trying to play overseas," Stephens said. "I think it is going to be really cool to get to play there and then also take a visit and tour there."

The team spends 10 days traveling and playing through Europe. Stephens said he is most excited about visiting Paris.

Stephens said even though he came to the University because he liked coach Kenny Bizot, he will be staying to finish his senior year with the Patriots.

"I don't want to go to a sixth school," Stephens joked. "I'll lose track of all of them; that would be bad."

Stephens said the experience will be helpful for his future dream of becoming a basketball coach.

One of the most important aspects that Stephens believes will help his game is experiencing the level of competition against the professional teams.

Even if Stephens does not continue his career, he will know from personal experience the level required to be competitive overseas.

"No matter what, I want to get into coaching," Stephens said. "I just love the game."





TALON FILE PHOTO

Coach Bizot reacts to a play during an ASC game against LeTourneau on Jan. 19. The Patriots set a record for most wins in a single season last year with an overall record of 18-8.

## BIZOT

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very player-friendly. Not much more you could really ask from that standpoint. The door was always open to us," he said. "It'll be a lot different with him and coach Henley leaving next year."

Bizot and Henley are leaving the University after leading the 2012-2013 Patriots to a school-record 18-8 season (13-6 ASC) and an American Southwest Conference tournament appearance, where they lost 104-101 to Hardin-Simmons University in triple overtime.

Bizot also was named ASC East Coach of the Year, an honor he also earned in the 2007-2008 season.

"On paper, (my legacy is) probably not much, just because we haven't won any championships. We didn't win the (ASC) East, we didn't win the conference," he said. "I think we came into a difficult situation and it's better after six years. We were 18-8 this season. We've got (many starters) returning, so whoever takes over this job will have some great kids to coach."

The Patriots completed their record 2012-2013 season with seven transfer students brought in last year by Bizot and his staff, including Hysell and Nathan Harbour, a junior math major.

Hysell said the transfers who came to the University did so mostly because of Bizot, but he is optimistic for the team Bizot was able to put together.

"Being that we came in with the most wins in school history (in our first year) together, we're really hopeful that we can better that next year," he said. "It's just kind of scary. We knew we were going to be better next year, thinking we had Bizot. He was the constant. But now, since we have a different head coach, hopefully we can still do better than we did."

The University will begin the search to replace Bizot immediately, according to a news release by the athletic department.

Kevin Baker, the University's head women's basketball coach, will lead the search committee.

Harbour said he just wants someone who will help the team succeed.

"Whether it's somebody like Bizot, somebody completely different — a polar opposite, as long as it helps us get better as a team, I think that's what we all want together," he said. "And (someone) that meshes well with our team, because I feel like our team has done a great job of that in just a year of playing together."

Tarpley said he would want someone who really invests themselves in the University.

"Whether they're here three years or 20 years, you want them to really care about the guys here," he said. "As long as they truly care about the players, the school and how we do things here — what they're building here, off what Bizot already started ... that'll be the most important thing."

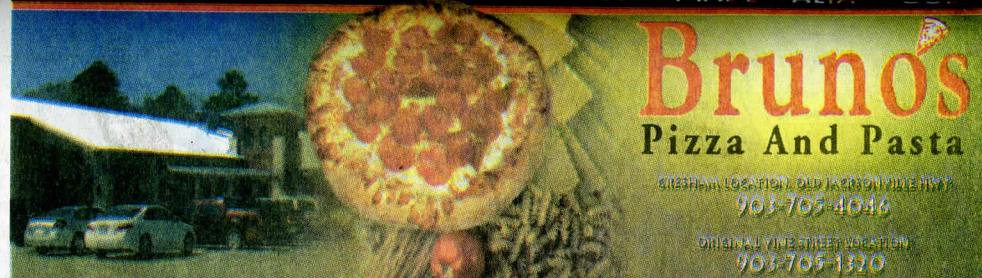
Bizot will face a tough challenge next year taking over the Copiah-Lincoln Wolves, who went 4-19 last season.

Bizot's now former players, however, wish their former coach the best.

"We sure do wish him the best of luck, and I'm sure he'll do alright," Harbour said. "... He is probably one of the nicest people you'll ever meet in your life, always caring."

Bizot mentioned the things he would miss the most from the University and from Tyler.

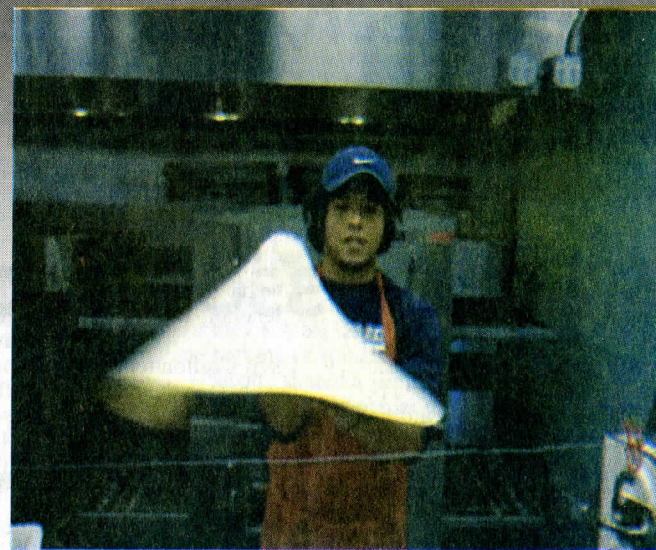
"I'm going to miss the people, without question," he said. "The people have been wonderful. Whether it's the staff at The University of Texas at Tyler, the administration, the coaches and, of course, the players. And just everyone in the community. We met some really neat people; we got some good friends here. ... Bottom line, I'm going to miss the people. ... It was a tough decision."



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## Swoop into spring

Patriot Days events include food, fun, fitness

Photos by Andrea Caldwell

**Top:** The Bigsby's perform on Harvey Deck during the annual crawfish boil on April 15. **Right:** Senior kinesiology major Hannah Collins measures a 19-inch vertical jump at one of the booths featured at the Department of Health and Kinesiology's Health and Fitness Expo on April 17. **Below:** Pre-nursing student Christel Fernandes donates blood on April 15 during the University's Patriot Days 35-gallon challenge. **Below Right:** The University and Aramark purchased 1,600 pounds of crawfish for the annual crawfish boil.





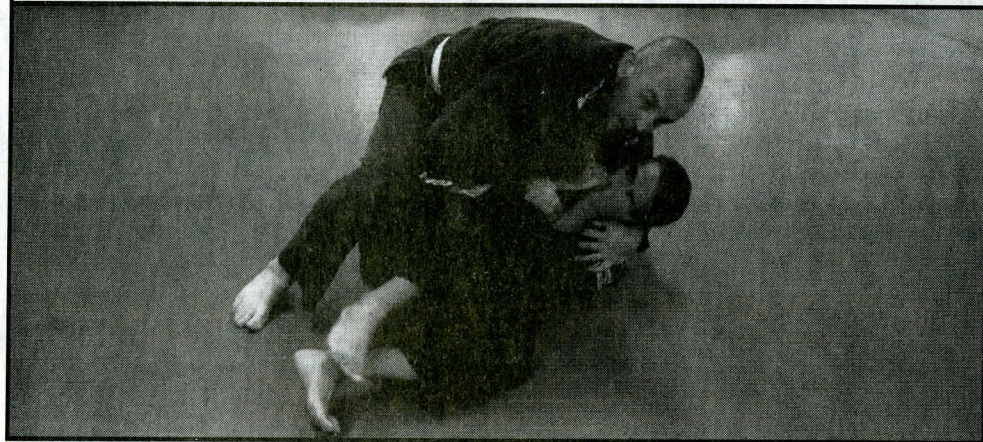


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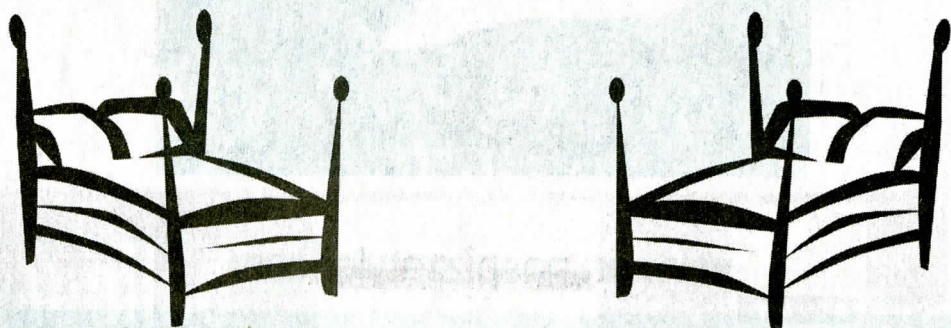


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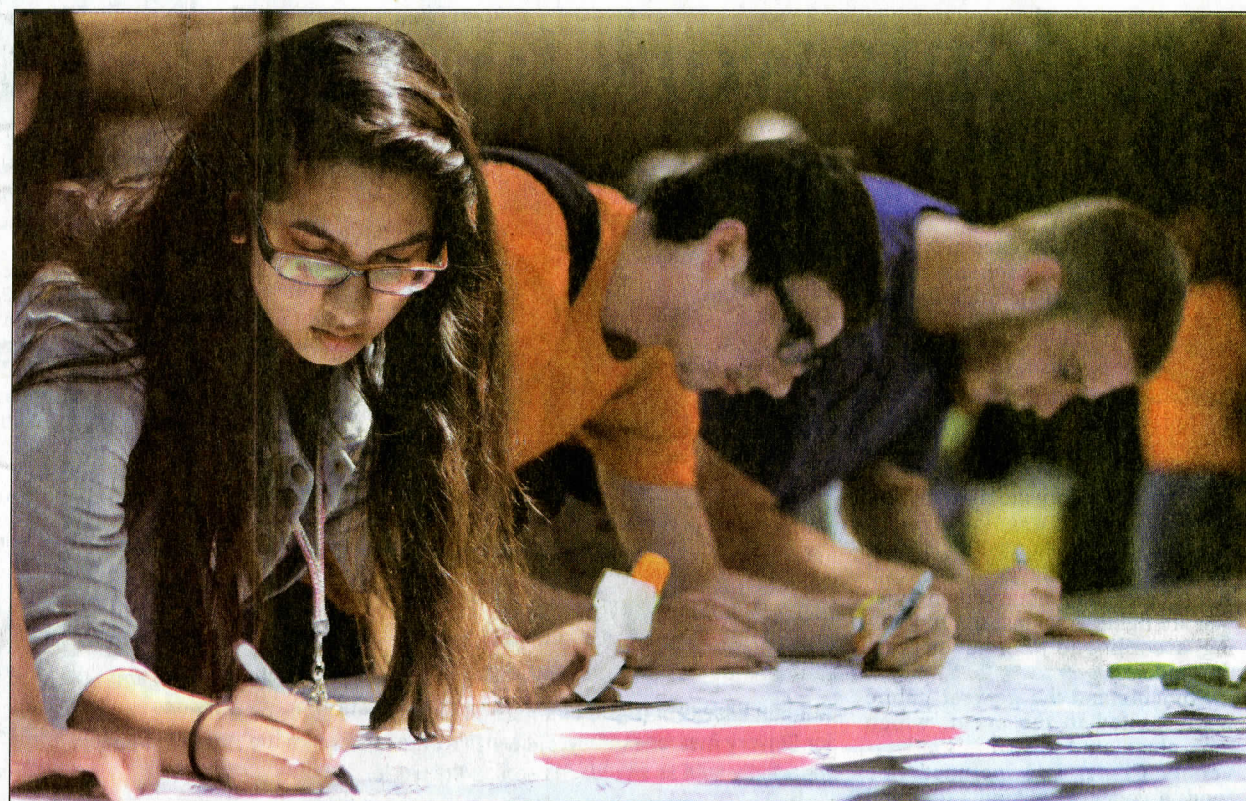
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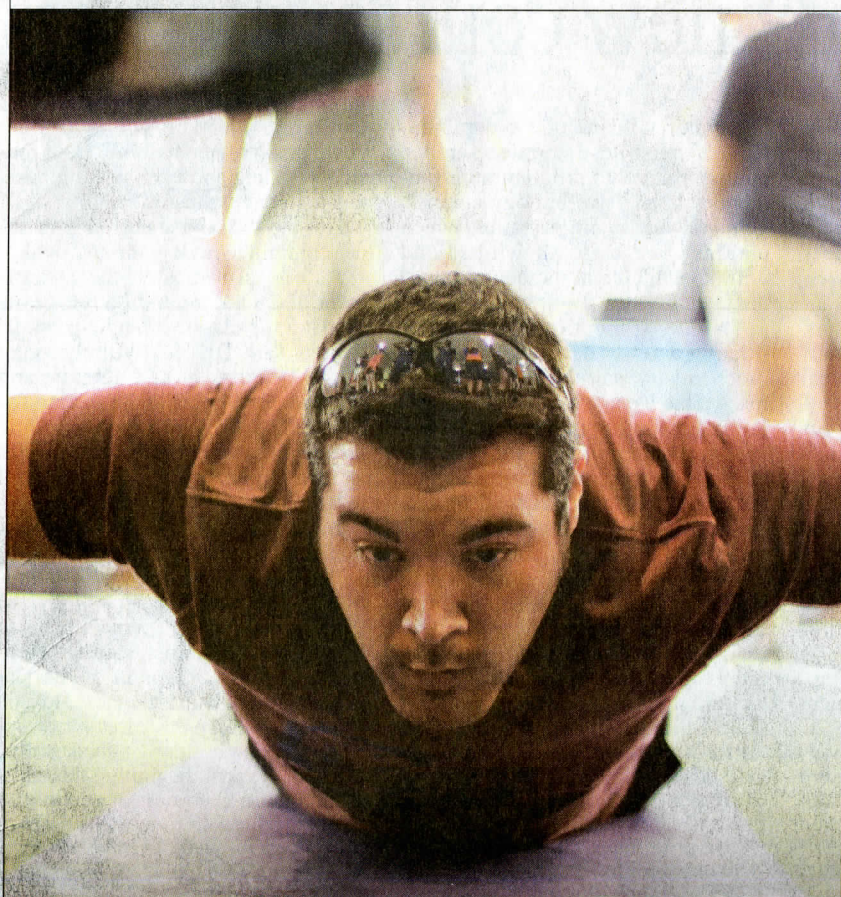


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**Left:** Professional juggler and entertainer Nick Pike juggles a knife, axe and meat cleaver in the University Center Sports Cafe on April 17. **Above:** Freshman engineering student Sheetal Jiواني and freshman civil engineering students Hezekiah Shipman and Trevor Self sign a banner supporting American troops at the annual crawfish boil on April 15.



**Far Left:** Junior kinesiology major Bryan Stites cranks out push-ups during a 30-second challenge at one of the booths featured at the Department of Health and Kinesiology's Health and Fitness Expo on April 17. **Near Left:** (From left) Kyle Clawson, Connor Benson and Owen Harry take their shift at the on campus Tread-A-Thon raising awareness for autism. The event started at 10 a.m. on April 16 and ended April 17 at 5 p.m. Students took hourlong shifts running throughout the day and night to bring attention to the fight against autism.



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# Students work to combat human trafficking

**Nizia Alam**  
Staff Writer

A group of students recently took a stand against a problem many believe ended with the Civil War: slavery. They organized Slavery Awareness Day in an effort to raise awareness of modern-day slavery in the form of human trafficking.

Students collected 327 signatures for a petition that will be sent to President Obama urging him to confront and eliminate modern-day slavery.

Their goal was to raise awareness of the 27 million slaves in the world and promote organizations in Tyler that are fighting against sex trafficking, according to information from the students.

Students and the general public were invited to the event, which took place on April 10 in the University Center and included free food, a concert by Avid Light and informational tables with a petition and pledge.

Nine students were inspired to organize the event after attending a religious conference in Atlanta called



TALON PHOTO BY NIZIA ALAM

**Autumn Ellsworth (right) and Haleigh Mosley hold signs near Harvey Lake for Slavery Awareness Day. Ellsworth's sign represents the 27 million people reportedly sold as sex slaves across the world.**

Passion 2013, which challenged 60,000 college students in attendance to raise awareness of modern-day slavery on their own campus.

"All of us had a passion and we

just naturally came together because we were all going to the same goal," said Kevin Weaver, sophomore speech communication major.

Autumn Ellsworth said she did

not know the full extent of sex trafficking until she attended the conference.

"I couldn't believe it. I realized we do need to do something about this and stand up for those who can't stand for themselves," said Ellsworth, a freshman nursing major.

Ellsworth hoped the event on campus, which they had been planning since January, would open people's eyes.

"We want them to realize what's going on and how horrible it is," Ellsworth said.

Julia Wilkie said the conference opened her eyes and made her aware of the local problem of human trafficking. Wilkie has an aunt that works at the Children's Advocacy Center in Tyler.

"There are children every single day that come in and out of that place that have been trafficked, have been through sexual abuse, sold for sex by their parents or people who know them," Wilkie said.

The students set up tables in the UC addressing three organizations: International Justice Mission, EndIt-Movement and Why Are We Here.

The International Justice Mission is a human rights agency that works to rescue, protect and provide justice for victims of slavery. The table contained a petition that would be sent to President Obama asking him to confront and eliminate slavery and human trafficking during his term and make the country a leader in the fight to end modern-day slavery.

"We want students to learn there are many different initiatives all over the world and government is an important part in getting involved with that," nursing major Rae Ann Vrzakik said. "They can sign this petition that will be sent to Obama to initiate anti-trafficking legislation."

Though they were inspired by the Christian conference, the group emphasized their movement is not just for religious students.

"A lot of us that are doing it are not all Christian. It's not a Christian-based thing," said Tanner Bailey, a junior speech communications major. "It's just a moral thing. Pretty much any religion can agree that slavery is messed up. And someone shouldn't be sold for a price of \$90."

# Departments across campus ready new course offerings

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New classes, programs and degree options for students are under way or being developed by a number of departments at the University, some of which are scheduled to begin in summer and fall 2013.

The school of education within the College of Education and Psychology has redesigned its master of education in reading program, now aligned with standards for the Texas Education Agency and the International Reading Association.

It also is introducing a master in education program designed for educational diagnosticians, said Dr. Colleen Swain, director of the school of education. She said both programs will be online to help meet the schedules of busy practitioners and are appearing this summer.

"We work in education, so we study how education works online and what our best practice is," Swain said. "We're working on meeting high-need areas in our state."

The department of accounting, finance and business law within the

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College of Business and Technology is introducing a master in accounting program this fall, said Dr. Roger Lirely, chairman of the department of accounting, finance and business law.

He said the program will provide students with requisite accounting skills and knowledge, and is designed to allow the flexibility to pursue careers in either the corporate or public sector.

The College of Engineering and Computer Science will be offering upper-division completion programs for mechanical and electrical engineering in the Houston area, said Dr. James K. Nelson, dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science. He said if plans remain on track, the programs will appear this fall.

"It's looking at furthering the educational opportunities of those begin-

ning in a community college to obtain an engineering degree," Nelson said.

He said the college also plans to offer a completion program for civil engineering in fall 2014.

The College of Arts and Sciences is developing several new minors, two of which include terrorism studies and museum and archival studies, said Dr. Marcus Stadelmann, chairman of the departments of Political Science and History.

Terrorism studies, which involves a course in international terrorism among a host of electives, has been approved and students are now able to take classes to satisfy it.

Museum and archival studies, which involves courses in anthropology and historical methods and research, as well as internship programs and elective courses, currently is undergoing the final stages of approval and should be available to students in the fall.

The Department of Biology is placing a proposal to the curriculum committee to introduce a new minor in genomics and bioinformatics, said Dr. Srinu Kambhampati, chairman of the Department of Biology. He said

the minor will include a combination of existing computer science courses related to programming fundamentals and two biology courses, genomics and bioinformatics, which currently are being developed and will be available at the beginning of next year.

The Department of Chemistry is offering a newly developed minor in biochemistry, said Neil Gray, chairman of the Department of Chemistry. He said the minor is excellent for any students planning on medical, dental or pharmacy school or any other health-related area, as well as students planning a research career in the area of disease and treatment.

The school of performing arts is planning a music fundamentals class designed to teach students how to read music notation, the basic elements that make up music and very rudimentary piano skills, said Dr. Kyle Gullings, assistant professor in music theory and composition. The class also will involve a final project of simple songwriting with a melody line and accompanying chords.

"No prior knowledge or experience with music is necessary or expected,"

Gullings said. "This course can get you from knowing nothing about music to reading and even writing basic music in one semester."

He said the course currently is under committee review for approval.

As of last semester, the Department of Literature and Languages is offering the classical language skills course, said Dr. Hui Wu, chairman of the Department of Literature and Languages. She said the course focuses on the evolution of romantic language from Greek and Latin routes and the University is the only school in the nation offering the course.

In addition to introducing a new major in social sciences last fall, which includes coursework in anthropology, geography and sociology, the College of Arts and Sciences plans to hire a new economist, said Dr. Kenneth A. Wink, chairman of the Department of Social Sciences. He said the college hopes to offer more upper-division economics classes than it has in the past, beginning this fall.

"It should be easier for economics majors to be able to take the courses they need to graduate on time after we complete this hire," Wink said.



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